

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 55

\$111 Million in Stimulus Funds Creates Just 17 Jobs

- The city of Los Angeles, California, received a total of \$594 million in taxpayer funds from the Stimulus bill. Two of L.A.'s city departments, Public Works and Transportation, received a combined total of \$111 million—nearly 20% of the city's allotment. Among the projects completed with the money were street and bridge resurfacing, sidewalk and storm drain rebuilding, and bicycle safety grate constructing.
- According to the city controller, Wendy Greuel, the Department of Public Works created just 8 total jobs, while the Department of Transportation created only 9 jobs, for a grand total of 17 jobs. Meaning each temporary job cost taxpayers \$6.5 million to create with no guarantee that they would result in permanent employment.
- With California's unemployment rate at 12.3%, and L.A.'s at 12%, spending \$111 million to create only 17 temporary jobs is ineffective at best, and yet another sign of a failed stimulus.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$111 million in taxpayer funds would not have been spent to create just 17 jobs. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- Sources:
<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/sep/17/local/la-me-stimulus-audit-20100917>
<http://www.worldnewsheardnow.com/los-angeles-spends-70-million-to-create-7-76-jobs/2948/>

The Washington Watch Report is available on the House Republican Whip's website:

<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/blog/wwindex.html>

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